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Bush focuses on new goals in CIA effort

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Generally declining to discuss "the abuses of the past," George Bush, CIA director, focused in Monday night's Vickers Lecture at Kansas University on what he called "the real mission of the CIA" — intelligence gathering.

"We must have an agency second to none when it comes to the collection and analysis of intelligence," Bush told an audience of about 1,000 in University Theatre, Murphy Hall.

Outside, nearly 50 protesters — many of them Iranian students at KU and other universities — picketed the CIA director's speech. The protest remained peaceful throughout the evening, and the demonstrators did not attempt to enter the hall.

IN HIS TALK Bush stressed the agency's intelligence-gathering role, not its often-criticized covert actions. While he did not rule out further covert activities — "We're not living in too lovely a world" — he said he would willingly comply with a U.S. Senate committee's recommendation that the secret actions be approved in advance by an oversight group.

(The committee, headed by Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, made its report earlier in the day. The church hearings, Bush said, "ended on a rather constructive note.")

"No matter how divergent our opinions, I think we can agree that certain intelligence is essential," Bush said. He focused in particular on information about "international terrorism," a phenomenon he predicted is likely to be "the most urgent and least tractable threat" to governments such as the United States in the near future.

"At some point in the next decade the problem probably will take a quantum jump in severity," Bush warned. Terrorists through theft or diversion, may well acquire materials for a nuclear bomb, he said.

"A major part of our targeting has got to be against the international terrorist," the director said.

BUSH SAID information about terrorism is only one of several legitimate intelligence-gathering activities. He also mentioned keeping track of nuclear proliferation, the international flow of drugs, possible economic boycotts and monitoring arms-limitation agreements.

Concerning "problem areas" around the world, Bush said the CIA closely follows developments in China, the U.S.S.R., Lebanon, Egypt (and its declining relations with the

Soviets) and in Africa (with special emphasis on areas of Cuban involvement).

The Cubans, he said, regard their recent role in Angola as a "signal success," and may well remain in the region for some time to come. Even though many African countries now disapprove of the outside presence, Bush said the Cuban contingent eventually may fight in Rhodesia and Namibia (formerly South-West Africa).

In gathering and presenting intelligence, Bush said, the CIA "should have no political bias whatsoever." In response to a question, he defended his own background as a politician (he has been a congressman and chairman of the Republican National Committee) as an aid to closer presidential control of the agency.

WHAT IS required is some insight into the intent of policymakers in other countries," Bush concluded. In that "mission," the CIA often has been successful, even though

"you read about the intelligence failures; you don't read about the successes."

As for the demonstrators, they carried placards urging the CIA to get "out" of Iran, the Middle East and Latin America.

Led by a yell-leader who read his slogans off a prompter card, the demonstrators shouted "Kick the CIA off campus," "Vietnam to Persian Gulf — One struggle, many fronts" and "Shah is a CIA puppet, down with the Shah" — the last a reference to Iran.

"I couldn't help but notice my reception committee outside," Bush said of the group. "I thought, 'Isn't it nice to be back from China where that sort of thing isn't possible?'"

Connally to give lecture at WSU

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Former Texas Gov. John Connally will appear Wednesday in the Forum Board lecture series at Wichita State University.

Connally, a former secretary of the treasury, will discuss

"1976 Elections and the Free Enterprise System."

Connally also is scheduled as keynote speaker Wednesday night at a \$100-a-plate dinner in Wichita sponsored by the Kansas Republican party.

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(Staff photos by Paul Dagys)

George Bush, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, told a Kansas University audience Monday that some of the things the CIA did in the past were "flat wrong" but admonished the crowd to look to the future, not the past.